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Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid Separation and Method for

**Identifying Same** 

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- 2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
- 3. Reply to Final Office Action along with Exhibits 1 and 2;
- 4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,520.00 to cover the following fees:

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5. Return postcard.

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